

FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION, 2004

January 30, 2004

Mr. Speaker:

Your **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred
HOUSE BILL 255

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 13, after the semicolon insert "PROVIDING
A MINIMUM HOURLY COMPENSATION RATE FOR CONTRACT ATTORNEYS;".
2. On page 1, line 21, after "ADMINISTRATION" insert
"--COMPENSATION RATE FOR CONTRACT ATTORNEYS".
3. On page 2, lines 5 and 6, strike "to contract for
representation of defendants in capital felony cases" and insert in
lieu thereof "solely for the purpose of paying attorney fees
associated with capital felony cases that are the subject of
contracts between the public defender department and attorneys who
are not employed by the department".
4. On page 2, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following new
subsection:

"C. A contract negotiated by the public defender
department for representation by a contract attorney in a capital
felony case shall provide for a minimum hourly compensation rate of
seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per hour."
5. Reletter the succeeding subsections accordingly.,

and thence referred to the **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE**.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Ken Martinez, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 2 Against
Yes: 9
No: Foley, Youngberg
Excused: None
Absent: None

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